SUBJECT No. 32.

Execution of certain civil decrees by Presidents of Municipal Councils.

Messrs. Venkatakrishniah and M. C. Rangiengar, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Decrees passed by civil courts for the partition of houses or building sites within municipal limits should be transferred to the President of the Municipal Council for execution as commissioner. The President may be given power either to effect a partition as decreed, if such partition does not contravene any building bye-laws, or to assign the property itself to one and cause compensation in money to be paid to the other or others of the parties entitled to shares under the decree.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 33.

Trial of petty cases of theft by patels.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Petty thefts of crops are of frequent occurrence in villages far away from taluk head-quarters. Such cases cannot be successfully prosecuted owing to the distance from taluk head-quarters. Patels may therefore be empowered to try such petty cases. In places where the patel is illiterate the village shanbhog may be authorized to conduct the proceedings in the presence of the patel.

Reply of Government.—Noted. All patels are not fit to be entrusted with such powers.

SUBJECT No. 34.

A committee to enquire into the causes of delay in the disposal of civil cases.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The long delay in the disposal of contested civil cases, both original and appeal, has often been brought to the notice of Government by members of this Assembly. Delay in such matters causes pecuniary loss. A committee of two or more judges may therefore be appointed to enquire into the matter fully and to suggest remedial measures. One practical remedy would be to appoint more judges.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be referred to the Chief Court, but practical remedies may be considered and suggested by the member and by the Law Associations.

SUBJECT No. 35.

A special officer to hold confidential enquiries on matters affecting the administartion and other important matters relating to Government or the people.

Mr. K. Sankaranarayan Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 36.

(*a*) Abolition of the Central *Nazarath* system.

(*b*) Procedure of process servers.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Under the Central *Nazarath* system, the civil court processes are not served upon the parties and witnesses in time and this leads to delay in the disposal of cases. The system may be modified.

(*b*) (i) In reply to Subject No. 27 of 1906, *viz.*, that the process servers of the civil courts give a lot of trouble to parties in civil cases, it was stated that the